Women and child development programmes in Rajasthan

2704. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for the implementation of Women and Child Development Programmes in the rural areas of Rajasthan as well as Orissa State during the last three years and what are the achievements reported so far in this regard (State-wise);

(b) the amount allotted to the State Governments for this purpose during this period indicating the increase in allocation for the current financial year either by Central assistance or through foreign-aided World Bank/ UNICEF Projects upto 31st October, 1994; and

(c) what are the new initiatives/schemes launched or to be launched during Eighth/ Ninth Five Year Plans with a view to improve socio-economic conditions of women particularly in rural areas of Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) The progress under Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is monitored in terms of women groups formed for income generating activities. The targets fixed and achieved under DWCRA during the last three years in Rajasthan and Orissa are as under :—

State	Target fixed (No. of Women groups)			Target achieved (No. of Women groups)		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Rajasthan . . .	550	510	472	535	151	625
Orissa . . .	350	240	328	350	208	330

(b) The total amount allocated, i.e. Central, UNICEF and State share to the States under the programme during the last three years and current financial year i.e. 1994-95 is as under :

State	Financial allocation (Rs. in lakhs)			
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Rajasthan	83.60	77.52	95.00	128.74
Orissa	53.20	36.48	49.86	65.36

There is an over-all increase in the allocation to Rajasthan and Orissa in the current financial year as against that of the last year by 33.74% and 31.09% respectively.

(c) The programme of DWCRA is constantly reviewed and many new initiatives like increasing the revolving fund from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 in respect of successful groups in the need of more capital, more decision making authority to the groups of women by reducing bureaucratic control have been taken. This will benefit women's groups all over the country including Rajasthan.

ग्रामीण विकास के लिए विशेष कार्यक्रम

2705. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार गांधीजी की 125वीं जयंती को ध्यान में रखते हुए ग्रामीण विकास के संबंध में कतिपय विशेष कार्यक्रम बनाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी रूपरेखा क्या है और इस पर राज्य सरकारों की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

मध्य प्रदेश में परती भूमि का विकास

2706. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में परती भूमि के विकास के लिए कोई योजना शुरू की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अम्ल युक्त भूमि और राज्य की पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में वानिकी एवं परती भूमि के विकास के लिये कोई योजना बनाई गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन परियोजनाओं के लिये चुने गये जिलों के परियोजनावार नाम क्या है ;

(घ) इन परियोजनाओं के अंतर्गत कितने हैक्टेयर भूमि को शामिल किया जाएगा ;

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं को कब शुरू किया जाएगा ; और

(च) इन परियोजनाओं से कितने व्यक्ति लाभान्वित होंगे ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (परती भूमि विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (कर्नल राम सिंह) : (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

ग्रामीण विकास योजनाओं का प्रचार

2707. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मंत्रालय ने ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों का प्रचार करने के लिए सभी तैयारियां पूर्ण कर ली थीं परन्तु इसी दौरान सरकार ने इसकी मंजूरी देने से इन्कार कर दिया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसा किस आदेश के अंतर्गत किया गया और इसके क्या कारण हैं, तथा इस योजना के कार्यान्वयन के संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्यमंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Withholding of fund allotted to Kerala under JRY

2708. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Ministry has written to the Government of Kerala pointing out that the money allocated to Kerala from the Central Government meant for Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) will be withheld;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that such a move by the Ministry is intended to get measures for holding the Panchayat elections initiated; and

(c) if so, whether the Kerala State Government are showing reluctance to hold the Panchayat elections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development have written to those State Governments where elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are due including Government of Kerala, requesting them to complete elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the States. These States were also informed that it would be extremely difficult to release funds for various rural development programmes including JRY from the Ministry of Rural Development till such time that these States indicate a firm schedule for elections to the PRIs. So far, no definite schedule for holding elections to PRIs in Kerala has been received from the Government of Kerala.